

FIELD DAY.

Annual Gathering of the Odd Fellows at the Fair Grounds.

The 15th annual outing of the Odd Fellows Field Day association was held at the fair grounds Saturday and attracted 2000 spectators.

O. H. Henderson, grand secretary of the grand lodge, was president of the day, assisted by G. H. Stearns and Jerome Smith. The judges were S. B. White, Hyde Park; R. E. Lewis, Norwich; S. H. Reed, Windsor; H. E. Randall, Island Pond; P. A. Robbins, Newport.

The association officers were: President, H. H. Somers, Jr.; secretary, Peter Parks; treasurer, H. J. Beck; vice-presidents: G. G. Wheeler, Union, No. 4; O. A. Demick, Caledonia, No. 6; T. T. Leonard, Temple, No. 10; Charles Granger, Champion, No. 17; John E. Hancock, Lamotte, No. 26; W. A. Gilmore, Alpine, No. 28; E. H. Bazin, Concordia, No. 43; S. A. Blodgett, Unity, No. 66; George Wallace, Hardwick, No. 68.

Dinner was served on the grounds from 12 to 1:30 o'clock by Olive Branch lodge. Ten lodges in this vicinity participated in the contests.

Following is the program: Ball game between St. Johnsbury and Barnet. Won by the former by score of 12 to 5.

Hurdle race. Prizes \$1 and 50c. Won by F. J. Grimes, J. D. Parker second.

Sack race. Prizes \$1 and 50c. Won by E. S. Morrill, Fred Grace second.

Ladies' hitch-up contest. Prizes \$1 and 50c. Won by Mrs. Somers, Mrs. Annis second.

Wheelbarrow race. Prizes, All-Stock cigars, 12 and 6. Won by J. H. McFarland, J. D. Parker second.

Grain race. Prizes \$1 and 50c. Won by E. M. Grimes, J. Russell second.

Fat men's race. Prizes \$1 and 50c. Won by F. D. Wilson, V. Knights second.

Tug of war. St. Johnsbury vs. Barnet. Won by Barnet.

Shoe race. Prizes, All-Stock cigars, 12 and 6. Won by C. A. McFarland, J. H. McFarland second.

Flour race. W. Brooks, 25 and 10 cent. A. D. Drugin, 5 cents.

Light weight tug of war. Between Sargent's and Henderson's teams. Won by the Henderson team.

Ladies' nail driving contest. Prizes 75c, 50c and 25c. Won by Mrs. Somers, Mrs. McFarland second, Miss Stearns third.

Making Good in the South.

The following paragraph concerning a former St. Johnsbury boy is taken from a Lynchburg, Va., paper:

At the executive committee meeting held Tuesday, it was decided to send Ralph T. Magoon to the Retail Merchants Convention to be held at the Jamestown Exposition the 14th and 15th of this month. Mr. Magoon has been in this city only a short time, but by his kind and genial manner has won a host of friends, who extend congratulations. Mr. Magoon leaves for the Exposition the 12th.

Modern Woodmen in Session.

Addresses on Insurance Stir up a Nest of Hornets.

The second annual outing of the Northern Vermont Log Rolling Association of the Modern Woodmen of America was held in the Lyndonville camp grove Thursday afternoon and attracted over 500 visitors.

In this number were about 100 members of the 26 lodges of the order in the state. The exercises opened in the morning with a competitive drill between the teams from the lodges at Barton Landing, Concord, Craftsbury and Lyndonville, the prize being won by the Barton Landing team, A. M. Porter, commanding. Following the dinner there was an hour of speaking in the grove, Arthur H. Gleason of St. Johnsbury, presiding as president of the day. After a short address of welcome by N. A. Norton, addresses on the benefits of the order and of the fraternal insurance features were made by President Gleason, Dr. Barrows of Hartford, O. A. Palmer of Burlington and Benjamin Gates of Montpelier. Just as Mr. Gates was getting warmed up to his subject a nest of hornets appeared on the scene from the rear of the stage and pandemonium reigned. The audience wildly cheered as the speakers and band boys fought the hornets, while the men on the stage saw nothing funny in the proceedings and acted real mad. The hornets broke up the speech-making and the crowd adjourned to another part of the grove for the sports.

The exhibition drill by the Montpelier Forester team was finely executed and frequently interrupted by applause. In the log rolling contest for prizes of \$3, \$1.50 and 75 cents, the three members of the St. Johnsbury team were first, with Sheffield second and Lyndonville third. In the cracker eating contest three Lyndonville boys, Clarence Aldrich, Peter Myott and Albert Elms, entered and won in the order named. In the wheelbarrow race for prizes of \$1, 75 and 25 cents, three Sheffield boys won, B. L. Hall, William Stevens and John Holtham in the order named. The tug of war between the Lyndonville and St. Johnsbury teams for a purse of \$5 was won by the Lyndonville team after the hardest minute's work ever done. The festivities closed with a most exciting ball game between a Sheffield nine and a Lyndonville nine, and it took 11 innings to decide the contest which was finally won by the Sheffield by the score of 11 to 10. Excellent music was furnished for the occasion by the Irasburg Band and the St. Johnsbury Drum Corps, who made their first public appearance on this occasion and received high praise.

Excursion to Ausable Chasm.

The Central Vermont railway advertise an excursion to Ausable Chasm and Lake Champlain from all points on the Lake road on Friday, Aug. 23. The trip will be made in one day and gives an excellent chance to see one of the greatest natural wonders in the East as well as a lovely ride on the lake. Handbills for this excursion will be distributed this week and fuller particulars will be given in next week's paper.

OUTDOOR SPORTS.

Victories by our Golf Team and Baseball Nine—Opening Day in the State Tennis Tournament.

For the first time in the history of local golf the Old Pine Golf Club defeated their long-time rivals, the Mountain View Club of Greensboro, on the latter's links. It was a closely contested match with excellent medal scores on both sides. Mr. Dempsey had the best score for nine holes and Mr. Sprague led with 81 strokes. Following the match the young ladies of the summer camps served an excellent supper to both teams. Our team made the trip in the touring cars of Mr. Brooks and Mr. Taft Saturday. Following is the summary of the match:

OLD PINE		MOUNTAIN VIEW	
C. H. Turner	2	C. P. Carter	0
C. H. Dempsey	7	Edw. Snyder	0
E. M. Taft	1	C. A. Sibley	0
G. A. Bailey	6	F. B. Snyder	0
A. G. Sprague	0	F. A. Bagnall	0
J. H. Brooks	0	G. W. Morrow	5
E. S. Bailey	0	John Loomis	0
Howard Ford	1	George Howes	0
F. H. Brooks	2	B. H. Sanborn	0
Totals	19		15

The medal score of the various players were as follows:

A. G. Sprague	81
F. Snyder	82
C. H. Turner	83
C. H. Dempsey	83
C. F. Carter	84
F. H. Brooks	84
F. A. Bagnall	87
B. H. Sanborn	88
John Loomis	88
E. M. Taft	88
C. A. Sibley	89
George Howes	89
Edw. Snyder	90
G. W. Morrow	90
Edw. Bailey	91
Howard Ford	91
J. H. Brooks	94
Geo. Bailey	95

The Old Pine Golf team play the golf team at the Waumbek next Saturday.

St. Johnsbury 6, Lisbon 5.

By good hitting in the ninth inning St. Johnsbury won from Lisbon at the campus Saturday in one of the closest games seen this season. The final score was 6 to 5.

Laird was on the firing line for the locals. Opposed to him was Prisky, and with the exception of each hitting a man and giving one base on balls, they both gave a first-class exhibition of pitching.

St. Johnsbury scored their first run in the first inning. Carr was safe at first on Blackburne's error, stole second and scored on Mann's sacrifice hit. In the fourth the locals again scored. Peck was the first man up and hit safe to center, Mann bunted and Peck moved up a notch. Richards hit to Loverman, but the ball got by him and was lost in the high grass. Richards went to third and Peck scored. Laird was up next and sacrificed, scoring Richards. Lynch ended the inning by hitting to Walsh. Lisbon gathered two runs in the next inning, and in the seventh both teams scored one.

Lisbon braced up in the eighth and with two men on bases McAlpin sent a safe onto left scoring both men and putting them one run in the lead. St. Johnsbury was unable to score in her half. Lisbon tried hard to tally again in the ninth but fast fielding prevented it.

St. Johnsbury came up in the last winning with the score 5 to 4 against them and Kearns met the first ball for two bases, but was called out for cutting first base. Kimball sent an easy one to Walsh who lost it. Kimball was safe at first, and with "Skip" Carr at bat the crowd felt better, but for the first time in the little second baseman's history he failed to connect with the sphere when a score was needed. He met the first ball pitched for a clean single and Kimball trotted across the plate with the tying run. Peck stole second and Mann drove a hit to left which brought in the winning score.

The errors on both sides were largely due to the sun. Walsh, the Fordham college player, put up a star game for the visitors, while Mann's work behind the bat for the locals was a feature.

ST. JOHNSBURY.										
Carr, 2b	AB	H	R	PO	A	E				
Peck, 1b	5	0	1	2	4	0				
Mann, c	5	1	0	5	2	0				
Richards, cf	4	1	0	0	0	2				
Hill, ss	4	1	0	2	5	0				
Laird, p	4	2	0	0	0	1				
Lynch, if	4	0	0	2	0	1				
Kearns, 3b	4	1	0	0	1	1				
Kimball, rf	4	0	1	1	0	0				
	39	7	6	27	11	5				

LISBON.										
McDonald, c	AB	H	R	PO	A	E				
Walsh, ss	5	0	1	5	1	0				
Prisky, p	5	2	1	2	4	1				
Perry, 1b	5	1	0	0	2	1				
Blackburne, 3b	5	1	0	1	3	1				
Garvin, rf	4	1	0	2	2	2				
Loverman, 2b	4	1	1	2	3	0				
McAlpin, if	4	0	1	1	0	0				
Langley, cf	4	1	0	0	0	0				
	40	7	5	27	18	4				

Two base hits, Laird, Kearns; struck out, by Laird 5, by Prisky 4; 1st base on balls, off Laird 1, off Prisky 1; passed ball, Mann. Umpire, Tinker; scorer, Bryant. Time of game 1h, 40m.

The State Tennis Tournament.

The seventh annual state tennis tournament opened on the courts of the Old Pine Golf Club yesterday and is attracting a large number of spectators. The list of entries is larger than ever and the public are cordially invited to witness the matches. If the weather is favorable it is expected that Semp Russ of Texas, the present state champion, will play the winner of the tournament Saturday afternoon for the championship of the state. Russ and Cresson are also entered in the doubles this year and the winners in the doubles will play Sprague and Fairbanks, the present state champions. The tournament had 32 entries, less than one-third being St. Johnsbury players. Arthur A. Sweetser of Boston, one of the fastest young players in New England, sent word yesterday that he could not come. He had

been picked as the probable winner of the tournament and much disappointment is felt over his non-appearance. There are 10 local players in the tournament and the following from elsewhere: R. M. Bowen, Boston; Mervin White, Providence; Dr. Ralph L. Bennett, Laurel, Del.; C. C. Cresson, San Antonio, Tex.; A. C. Grover and J. G. Nelson of F. F. Lincoln, Belmont, Mass.; J. C. Tomlinson, Jr., New York; D. M. Rust, Northampton, Mass.; N. H. Batchelder, Lakeville, Conn.; D. C. Niles, Philadelphia; F. H. Harris, Brattleboro; Thomas Hooker, Jr., New Haven; B. P. Sibley and T. B. Parker, Wellesley, Mass.; W. H. Tinker, New York; Ira R. Kent, R. M. Brown and A. A. Sweetser, Boston; H. W. H. Powell and F. W. Knauth, Bolton Landing, N. Y.; P. W. Wadleigh, Berkshire; Stanley Henshaw, Providence; James F. Richardson of Boston is refereeing giving excellent satisfaction. Dinners are served daily to the players by the house committee of the golf club and last evening a reception was given at the club house which was much enjoyed, while the grounds were tastefully illuminated with lanterns.

Yesterday's matches in many instances were closely contested and some fine tennis was seen. The matches between Kent and Henshaw, Knauth and Batchelder, Powell and Parker and White and Rust, were the fastest of the day, though the longest and most stubborn match was between Tomlinson and Harris. Three times in the last set the Brattleboro boy came within one point of winning the set and match, but each time he was prevented from winning by Tomlinson's sharp playing. Following is the summary of Tuesday's matches:

FIRST ROUND.

D. M. Rust beat Mervin White, 7-5, 6-0.

F. F. Lincoln beat R. M. Bowen, by default.

W. L. Peck beat C. H. Dempsey, by default.

J. C. Tomlinson beat J. G. Nelson, 6-3, 6-2.

T. B. Parker beat W. H. Powell, 9-7, 6-4.

A. C. Grover beat Gustavus Taft, 6-3, 6-1.

J. Fairbanks beat A. G. Sprague, 6-1, 2-6, 6-3.

I. R. Kent beat Stanley Henshaw, 6-3, 6-3.

F. H. Harris beat A. A. Sweetser, by default.

Harold Ayer beat B. P. Sibley, 6-1, 6-2.

Ray Spaulding beat R. L. Bennett, by default.

O. W. Knauth beat N. H. Batchelder, 3-6, 6-2, 6-3.

Thom. Hooker beat W. H. Tinker by default.

SECOND ROUND.

Rust beat Lincoln, 6-3, 6-0.

Parker beat Grover, 6-1, 6-0.

Tomlinson beat Harris, 7-5, 5-7, 10-8.

Joseph Fairbanks entered the Crawford tennis tournament last week and was defeated in the third round by Arthur A. Sweetser of Boston, the winner of the Wentworth cup the week before. Mr. Fairbanks played in the doubles with his friend, Thomas Hooker, Jr., of New Haven, Conn., and they were defeated in the second round. Of this match the correspondent of the Boston Globe said: "The match in which Phipps and Bradford of Boston beat Fairbanks and Hooker was perhaps the best worth seeing. The deciding set was ended only after 24 games were played." The tournament was won by Semp Russ, the Vermont champion, who defeated Sweetser in a splendidly contested match. The championship doubles were won by Russ and Cresson.

Arthur G. Sprague and E. M. Taft participated in the golf tournament at the Maplewood last week. Both won their match in the first round, but were defeated in the second round.

Irrigation Benefits.

If one will take the time to stand at one of the stations of a transcontinental railroad, at any point west of the Missouri river, and take note of the freight traffic, he will gain some idea of what western development means to the industries of the eastern and middle states. He will see carloads of harvesting and threshing machines, traction engines, road scrapers, farm implements and machinery of every sort; street sprinklers for the new towns as well as the old ones; wagons, carriages, and automobiles; shipments of fancy live stock, from chickens to horses; pianos and furnaces, gas and coal ranges, electric lighting apparatus, power equipment, wire cables and hemp cordage, clothing and textiles of every weave that comes from eastern looms; plumbers supplies, domestic water supply equipment, hardware, furniture, canned goods, and, in fact, merchandise to supply every human want.

Perhaps the fact will dawn upon the observer that this tremendous movement of freight upon a dozen railroads is the result of western prosperity and that this prosperity is largely due to irrigation. Agriculture has already outstripped mining in industrial importance in the west and the agricultural community is far more stable and permanent than the mining camp. Successful agriculture in the west depends upon irrigation and irrigated agriculture is one of the most potent factors in the building of western cities and towns. Even the builder of railroads finds it to his advantage to be early on the ground with his lines of steel to carry the large volume of in-going and out-going freight and to handle a passenger business at once profitable and of rapid growth.

This new and expanding home market for the factory products of eastern centers is well worth cultivating and worth seeing. The possibilities of agriculture and fruit culture, wool growing, dairying, the raising of swine and other live stock under irrigation are beginning to be realized. An enormous movement of the people to irrigated lands is taking place all the time. The exhaustion of public lands suitable to homestead en-

tries is now followed by the opening of lands of the most valuable character, on which money has been spent liberally to give them an adequate supply of water for all crops. These lands are available for anyone on an easy payment plan, by which the lands may be made to pay for themselves.

Very interesting at this time is the development in the counties of Jefferson, Adams, Boulder and Weld on the South Platte river in Colorado. There is hardly a place in all the irrigated regions of the west where such advantages are to be found for the irrigating farmer or homemaker. Irrigation is not new here, but it has been done under a number of small systems, leaving wide stretches of dry land without a water supply for crop production. These systems are now being consolidated, the storage capacity increased and all the land brought under canals. One efficient organization takes the place of several rival associations. The very best use may thus be made of the water supply. What formerly went to waste is now conserved and will be further conserved by the construction of a huge reservoir, greater than the nine others combined, which already are included in the system.

Eastern capital is interested in the development. Seven streams from the eastern slope of the Rocky Mountains will pour their waters into this huge artificial lake, while an additional 100,000 acre feet will be brought from the western slope through a 13,000 foot tunnel. Thus, while the canals are carrying water to the thousands of farms from the reservoirs the many living streams are pouring their flow into them, keeping a large reserve supply for irrigation late in the growing season. The benefit is a permanent one, giving steadiness to the supply and bringing many thousands of acres for the first time under canals and reservoirs. The reservoir supply is especially important, affording a long growing season. The region is really an old settled one with many villages, railways in all directions and what is very important, the big and thriving city of Denver within driving distance. Denver is the largest city in the Rocky Mountain country and the best market on the eastern slope. Such development of irrigation in a region so favorably situated is a subject of great moment to irrigated agriculture, because the market offers the opportunity for success in such a wide diversity of crops. It is regarded as somewhat singular that the English speaking people have been so slow to adopt irrigation, but the explanation is in the fact that they have not lived in countries where it has been necessary. They are making up for lost time, however, in the present rapidity of development in the American west.

MAINE CENTRAL RAILROAD.

EXCURSION TO OLD ORCHARD ON Sunday, August 18, via the CRAWFORD NOTCH of the WHITE MOUNTAINS by Regular and Special Train.

St. Johnsbury people can join this excursion by leaving on the 2:45 a. m. train.

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St. Johnsbury,	2:45	\$2.25	*Quebec Junction, 8:50		\$1.65
Lunenburg,	3:50		*Twin Mountain, 9:05		1.65
*Scotts Junction, 3:55		1.75	Portland arrive 12:30		
Whitefield,	4:02		Old Orchard arr. 1:00		

*Passengers from these stations will purchase tickets from train conductors. Passengers can stop at Portland if they so desire and make side trips to the Islands, Riverton, Underwood Springs, Harpswell or the cape. Returning train leaves Old Orchard 7:55 p. m., Portland 9:00 p. m.

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